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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UNCHANGED

LINCOLN, Neb., October 21, 2005 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.94 million cattle on feed on October 1, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. The inventory was the same as last year but 6 percent above October 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 500,000 head, up 6 percent from 2004 but 4 percent below 2003.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 320,000 head, unchanged from last year but 7 percent below September two years ago. Other disappearance during September totaled 10,000, the same as last year but 5,000 head more than September 2003.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly below October 1, 2004 but up 3 percent from October 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.36 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 5 percent below 2003.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during September, 7 percent below 2004 and 10 percent below 2003.

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